



## **City of Miami Springs, Florida**

City Council Meeting

Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 26, 2020 6:00 p.m.

Virtual Council Meeting using Communications Media Technology Pursuant to  
Governor's Executive Order 20-69

- 1. Call to Order/Roll Call:** The meeting was called to order by the Mayor at 6:05 p.m.

Present were the following:

Mayor Billy Bain

Vice Mayor Mara Zapata, Ph.D.

Councilman Bob Best

Councilwoman Maria Mitchell

Councilman Jaime A. Petralanda

City Manager/Finance Director William Alonso

Assistant City Manager Tammy Romero

City Clerk Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria

City Attorney Haydee Sera

Chief Armando Guzman

Recreation Director Omar Luna

Public Works Director Tom Nash

Golf Director Paul O'Dell

- 2. Salute to the Flag:** Audience led the Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to the Flag.
- 3. Agenda / Order of Business: None at this time.**
- 4. Awards & Presentations: None at this time.**
- 5. Open Forum: The following members of the public addressed the City Council:** Arty Vizcaino and Triana Florio addressed the City Council.
- 6. Approval of Council Minutes:**

A) May 11, 2020 – Regular Meeting

**Councilman Best moved to approve the minutes of Regular meeting of May 11, 2020. Councilman Petralanda seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Zapata, Councilman Best, Councilwoman Mitchell, Councilman Petralanda, and Mayor Bain voting Yes.**

- 7. Reports from Boards & Commissions: None at this time.**

**8. Public Hearings: None at this time.**

**9. Consent Agenda: (Funded and/or Budgeted):**

A) Recommendation by Recreation that Council waive the competitive bid process and approve an expenditure to Firepower Displays Unlimited, LLC, in the amount of \$16,000, for 4th of July Fireworks Display as funds were approved in the FY 19/20 Budget, pursuant to Section §31.11 (E)(6)(g) of the City Code

B) Recommendation by the Police Department that Council approve an expenditure in the amount of \$10,800.00 to United States K-9 Academy, the best responsible quote after obtaining three written quotes (attached), for one Police K-9, as funds (\$15,000.00) were approved in the FY 19/20 Budget, pursuant to Section §31.11 (C)(2) of the City Code

**Assistant City Manager Tammy Romero read the Consent Agenda Item for the record.**

**Councilwoman Mitchell pulled Item A for further discussion.**

**Vice Mayor Zapata moved to approve Consent Agenda Item B. Councilwoman Mitchell seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Zapata, Councilman Best, Councilwoman Mitchell, Councilman Petralanda, and Mayor Bain voting Yes.**

**After further discussion, Councilman Best moved to defer Item B to the June 8<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. Councilwoman Mitchell seconded the motion, which carried 3-2 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Councilman Best, Councilwoman Mitchell, and Councilman Petralanda voting Yes; Vice Mayor Zapata and Mayor Bain voting No.**

**10. Old Business: None.**

**11. New Business:**

A) **RESOLUTION** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And The City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Ratifying All Emergency Orders Issued And Actions Taken By The City Manager Related To Novel Coronavirus/Covid-19; And Providing For An Effective Date

**City Attorney Haydee Sera read the Resolution by title.**

**Councilman Best moved to approve the Resolution as read. Vice Mayor Zapata seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Zapata, Councilman Best, Councilwoman Mitchell, Councilman Petralanda, and Mayor Bain voting Yes.**

B) **RESOLUTION** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs Providing For The Third Amendment To The FY 2019-20 General Fund Budget To Record Expenses Related To A/C Replacement For The Community Center And Mold Remediation At City Hall, And Revenues From The Neat Streets Grant For City-Wide Tree Planting; And Providing For An Effective Date

**City Attorney Haydee Sera read the Resolution by title.**

**Councilwoman Mitchell moved to approve the Resolution as read. Councilman Best seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Zapata, Councilman Best, Councilwoman Mitchell, Councilman Petralanda, and Mayor Bain voting Yes.**

C) **RESOLUTION** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And The City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Approving An Agreement For Access To Certain Exempt Information Maintained By The Miami-Dade County Property Appraiser; Providing For Authorization; And Providing For An Effective Date

**City Manager William Alonso read the Resolution by title.**

**Councilman Best moved to approve the Resolution as read. Vice Mayor Zapata seconded the motion, which carried 4-1 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Zapata, Councilman Best, Councilwoman Mitchell, and Councilman Petralanda voting Yes; Mayor Bain voting No.**

D) Request By Mayor Billy Bain To Discuss 2020 River Cities Festival Funding

**City Manager William Alonso explained that he was able to come to an agreement with the River Cities Festival Committee about the finances that were discussed due to the cancellation of the 2020 River Cities Festival. Mayor Bain expressed that he wanted this to be on the agenda to be transparent about the expenditures of the City and it is not personal in nature, he stated that he was content on both parties having come to an agreement about the City funding for the festival.**

E) COVID-19 Departmental Updates

**No departmental updates at this time.**

## **12. Other Business:**

A) Update by Councilwoman Maria Mitchell on the “Bed Tax” funding at the state level

**Councilwoman Mitchell provided an update on the “Bed Tax” issue, she stated that for the first time in many years, the City’s initiative on the issue came really close to being approve through both Senate and Representative for the City, but later the**

language was removed in the final bill. She thanked Representative Bryan Avila, Senator Manny Diaz, and the City Council, she stated that this effort will not be laid to rest and the City will continue to pursue a positive result.

B) Discussion on the recent resignation of Seat III, Vice Mayor Mara Zapata, effective May 29th and the appointment/election process

**City Attorney Haydee Sera explained the process of the appointing a person to the upcoming vacancy in Group III, due to the resignation of Vice Mayor Mara Zapata recently. She reviewed a timeline of dates and events that will be occurring in the upcoming weeks. She also stated that the City Council should schedule a Special Council Meeting on Thursday, May 28, 2020 to call the Special Election on August 18, 2020 by resolution. It was the general consensus of the City Council to have a Special Virtual Council Meeting on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 6pm.**

**After further discussion, Councilman Best moved to have the June 8<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting in person at the Rebeca Sosa Theater. Councilman Petralanda seconded the motion, which carried 4-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Councilman Best, Councilwoman Mitchell, Councilman Petralanda, and Mayor Bain voting Yes; Vice Mayor Zapata was absent..**

### **13. Reports & Recommendations:**

A) City Attorney

City Attorney Haydee Sera had no report at this time.

B) City Manager

City Manager William Alonso reported on the recent flooding of various areas within the City. He also updated the City Council on the TGK proposal, which will be presented to the County Commission in July.

C) City Council

Vice Mayor Zapata announced that she submitted her resignation as Councilwoman to the City in order to run for School Board. She stated that it was a great pleasure to serve the residents of Miami Springs for the past two years. She also thanked the City Council for their continuous support and looks forward to still be involved, but as a resident.

Councilman Best thanked the City for allowing him to deliver the Memorial Day address virtually that reached residents through Facebook, YouTube and the City's website.

Councilwoman Mitchell wished Councilwoman Zapata good luck and that she will be missed. She congratulated all the graduates of Class of 2020 from Miami Springs Senior High School. Councilwoman Mitchell thanked Councilman Best for the wonderful Memorial Day address.

Councilman Petralanda had no report at this time.

Mayor Bain had no report at this time.

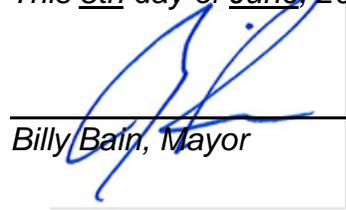
#### **14. Adjourn**

There being no further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

  
Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria, MMC  
City Clerk

Adopted by the City Council on  
This 8th day of June, 2020.

  
Billy Bain, Mayor

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